

## FOR THE CITY'S WARDS.

## IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHARITIES.

PUTTING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO GOOD USE—NEW BUILDINGS AND CHANGES ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

Under the provisions of the act passed last year making an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for improvements in buildings under the control of the Department of Charities, plans for a large amount of work have been made by the Commissioners. For some of it contracts have already been let, and the work has been begun; in other cases the plans have been drawn and are awaiting approval by the State Board of Charities, the Board of Estimate and the Department of Buildings. It is obvious that considerable time must elapse after the Commissioners of Charities determine upon a project before it can actually be taken in hand.

To bring the physical equipment of the Department up to the proper standard has required large outlays since the reform administration took it in charge, for the rule of the Department has been to neglect improvements and crowd people to shelter in the hospitals, the almshouse and the penal institutions then under the control of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, without the slightest regard to the comfort of the inmates, so long as a "record" for economy could be created. The reasonableness of such liberal expenditures has been made manifest when it was proposed last year to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the purpose.

One of the changes contemplated is the removal of the headquarters of the Department from the building which it has long occupied at Third-ave. and Eleventh-st. The two-story brick building was erected about thirty years ago, and the Department of Charities and Correction took possession of it in 1863. It is believed that the Department that it will be to the advantage of the Department and the public if the central offices are brought closer to the main channel of the Department's business, and plans have been drawn for the erection of a steel shed the entire length of the pier at East Twenty-sixth-st. It will be two stories in height. The upper floor will be used for offices, and underneath will be the distributing storehouse, which is now on Blackwell's island. This change will leave the building at Eleventh-st. for the use of some other department or branch of the city government.

## AT BELLEVUE AND CITY HOSPITALS.

At and near Bellevue Hospital city has been begun on two of three new buildings. There is to be a new morgue, the old one being too small. This has already been moved back, and the new one will be erected over the river. A pavilion, two stories high, for the isolation of cases or suspected cases of contagious diseases, is being built, and also a new boiler and laundry-house. Plans have been drawn for a building for the use of patients suffering from erysipelas, who are at present inconveniently housed over the offices on the pier. In a room that is another building, for which plans have yet been provided, is an emergency pavilion for maternity cases. The building is now under way, and it is believed that it will be ready for use in a few months. It is also too far away from the general hospital to be convenient.

At the City Hospital, on Blackwell's island, commonly known as the Charity Hospital, an important change is being made by the provision of a new kitchen in the dome of the main building. At present there are five different kitchens connected with the institution, all on the ground floor, and in some cases the food, after being cooked, has to be carried out of doors to reach those for whom it is intended. The large number of kitchens in connection with the single kitchen plan, for food and supplies to the several floors. The distribution will thus be rapid and the food will be served hot. There will be no need of the long and narrow kitchen in the upper part of the building that the food of cooks will be carried to the wards. Economy and efficiency will be promoted by having this department under the direction of a single head.

Needed improvement at the hospital is a shed and waiting room at the pier, as patients landing from the boats are now exposed to the weather. At present, the boats have not yet been made for this work. Work is under way, however, on two new water towers. The hospital has been lacking water for some time, and the new towers will distribute it throughout the buildings properly. Under the law which went into effect a year ago last January, the hospital is to be employed in the hospital, and paid helpers only are to be employed in the hospital. But suitable quarters have not yet been set apart for their comfort. In connection with the changes now going on rooms will be provided for about forty.

**ALMHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS.**  
At the Almshouse also the Charities Commissioners are making important improvements. Chief among them is the erection of six stone and brick pavilions, each two stories in height. They will contain twelve dormitories, each with room for six inmates. It is proposed to set aside two of these pavilions for the use of blind men and women. They will all be up-to-date structures, with improved sanitary, ventilating and heating apparatus, and will be provided with exterior iron staircases. Seventeen children of the Almshouse, who are now housed in the Almshouse, are now housed with stoves. Before the next cold season comes it is the intention to run steam pipes to all of them.

A three-story building in contemplation will be built of brick and stone, and will contain a bake oven, butcher shop and refrigerator, a laundry, engine-room, etc., with a laundry, and a dining-room and dormitories for the help employed.

Water towers for laundry purposes will be erected here; the dining-rooms are to be enlarged, and four elevators provided; the old verandas will be rebuilt and new stairways will be substituted for wooden.

At the beginning of last year the plan separating the Department of Correction from that of Charities took effect. At that time H. Porter retired from the Department, Commissioner Wright was put in charge of the Department of Correction, and Elias C. Croft and General James R. O'Brien became Charities Commissioners, with John P. Faure, who had been appointed by the State Board in the previous April. Mr. Croft was elected president of the Board.

When asked to regard to the plans of the Department, the president referred the writer to General Inspector James S. Knowles. After Mr. Knowles had given his opinion on the plan, the article, President Croft said that the Commissioners were trying to do all in their power for the benefit of the large number of persons entrusted to their care. He refused to make any comparison between the present administration and the predecessors, and preferred to let the improvements speak for themselves.

**A BUSY DAY FOR MR. PLATT.**  
HE EXPECTS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON—THE SENATOR THINKS ELIAS H. ROBERTS WILL SUCCEED MR. JORDAN—OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

It was a busy day yesterday for Thomas C. Platt. For several hours he was in his office in lower Broadway, struggling to get through with an accumulated mass of papers relating to his express business, and he declared that he was too busy to take about political matters. Later he went to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and politicians besieged him there until late evening. He said he expected to return to Washington this afternoon, and a number of the Republicans who talked with him at the hotel were interested in appointments which he is expected to get from President McKinley.

Among the men who talked with Mr. Platt last evening were Louis F. Payn, Charles W. Hackett, Wilbur F. Wakeman, Congressman George B. Edwards, Lauterbach, George R. Bidwell, Ellis H. Roberts, State Senator Nussbaum, General Daniel E. Sickles and John Saline Smith. The Republican faction stands solidly for a number of men who want offices from President McKinley and Mr. Platt will carry back to Washington the names of the persons of those men that the organization is able to give. The list, as mentioned last night, is as follows: George W. Bidwell, for Postmaster; Ellis H. Roberts, for Assistant Treasurer at the Sub-Treasury in this city; Elias C. Croft, the present Commissioner of Charities, for Surveyor; Wilbur F. Wakeman, who has become affiliated with the Republican organization again through the influence of Secretary Bliss, for Appraiser; General Henry L. Burnett, for United States District-Attorney; and William Henkel, for United States Marshal.

Brooklyn Republicans and Mr. Platt are said to favor the appointment of R. R. Thackeray to the office of Collector of Internal Revenue for the First New-York District, in Brooklyn.

Mr. Platt said yesterday that he thought Mr. Roberts would be appointed to the office of Assistant Treasurer, to succeed Conrad N. Jordan. A number of prominent Gold Democrats have been trying to have Mr. Jordan kept in office by President McKinley, on account of the work for sound money which Mr. Jordan performed in the campaign.

An attempt to have Mr. Platt commit himself on the subject of a partisan Republican ticket in the next New-York State election failed. Mr. Platt said that he would not criticize the speech which Mr. Lauterbach made at the meeting of the Republican Central Committee on Saturday evening, and while he said it appeared to be the sentiment among Republicans of the city that there should be a Republican ticket in the coming municipal fight, he thought it was too early to talk about it.

**MAYOR JUNKINS ACQUITTED OF BRIBERY.**  
Lawrence, Mass., April 17.—Mayor Junkins and ex-Alderman Patrick Ford were found not guilty of the charge of bribery and conspiracy to bribe by Judge Hadley this afternoon.

## Leading Hotels and Restaurants.

This list appears every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

## WHERE TO DINE.

For information, circulars, etc., of any Hotel or Restaurant, call or address (send stamp).

## HOTEL TARIFF BUREAU,

63 Fifth-ave., New-York.

Alec. Monks A la Carte; Tab., Table d'Hôte Dinner.

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THE MANHATTAN, 42nd-st., 42nd-st. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

BREVORT HOUSE, 5th-ave. and 8th-st. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

Concerts, Cuisine Rechee. Old vintage wines.

THE NETHERLAND, 5th-ave. and 45th-st. Alc., \$1.25.

MARTIN'S, University Place and 9th-st. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

CLAREMONT, Riverside Drive, A la Carte. Over-

looking Hudson River, Grant's Monument.

GROSVENOR, Restaurant 5th-ave. and 10th-st. Alc., \$1.50.

THE MARLBOROUGH, Broadway and 27th-st. Alc., \$1.25.

Tab., Breakfast, \$50; Lunch, \$50; Dinner, \$1.25.

MORELLO'S, 4 and 6 West 20th-st. Alc., Tab., \$1.

ST. CLOUD, 15th-ave. and 42nd-st. Alc., Table d'Hôte in Cafe.

ST. DENIS, Corner Broadway and 11th-st. Alc., \$1.25.

SHANLEY'S, 15th-ave. and 42nd-st. Alc., A la Carte Dinners.

DO, 6th-ave. and 25th-st. Alc., Shellfish a specialty.

CLARK'S RESTAURANT, No. 22 West 23d-st. Alc., \$1.25.

Opposite Grace Church. Cuisine unexcelled.

DORLON'S, 6 and 1 East 23d-st., near Broadway. Alc., \$1.25.

THE CHELSEA, 222 West 23d-st. Alc., Tab., \$1.00.

CLAZZON'S, 222 West 23d-st. Alc., Tab., \$1.00.

THE VANDERBILT, 10th-ave. and 1st-ave. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

MOQUIN'S, 20 Ann-st. and 140 Fulton-st. Alc., \$1.25.

STUART HOUSE, 42nd-st. and 1st-ave. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

ZANGHERUS, 17 E. 23d-st. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

MORTON HOUSE, Broadway and 14th-st. A la Carte.

LA COMETE RESTAURANT, 38 West 34th-st. Alc., \$1.25.

HUNGARIAN, Union Square East. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

PLAVANSKY, 26 West 20th-st. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

ROMA RESTAURANT, 875 4th-ave. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

DELLE OPERA, Restaurant 108 W. 28th. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

LANTERLME'S, 40 Union Sq. E. Alc., Tab., \$1.25.

TO-DAY, EASTER SUNDAY, BREVORT HOUSE, TABLE D'HOTE DINNER \$1.25. GRAND CONCERT, SOUVENIR MENU FOR EACH GUEST.

Amusements.

EMPIRE THEATRE, 10th-ave. and 8th-st. Alc., \$1.25.

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